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How to Comment on the Adopted Draft Maps for Arizona's Congressional and Legislative Districts

Options include Nov. 6 Virtual Town Hall

Phoenix, AZ- With the October 28 approval of adopted draft maps for Arizona's nine congressional districts and 30 state legislative districts, the clock started ticking on the legally-mandated minimum 30-day period for public comment. Comments can be given through Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021.

The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (AIRC) offers various options for Arizona residents to voice their thoughts and ideas about the draft maps: online through web ports, at virtual town halls and at public meetings to be held throughout the state.

Different map configurations can be seen at the IRC redistricting hub at https://bit.ly/3pXVJRh. Scroll down to the sections on adopted congressional draft map or adopted legislative draft map to see the maps in statewide, Maricopa and Pima counties closeups (legislative only) and individual districts configurations.

The sections also contain links for comment and more information. To submit your input, go to the provide feedback link to open the fillable comment form. To find your district, open the District Lookup link and enter your address. And if you need more details, the Open Plan link takes

you to a clickable map with demographics and analysis for each district.

For a quick way to make an online comment, go to https://irc.az.gov/contact-us comment form to give input on maps and other aspects of the redistricting process. All submitted comments will be posted to the IRC web page.

Comments can also be emailed to ircadmin@azdoa.gov.

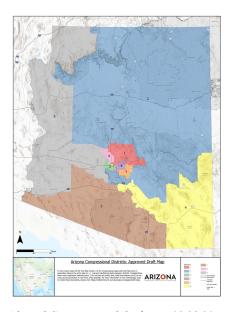
First Virtual Town Hall, Saturday, Nov. 6

Commissioners from the AIRC will accept public comment during a Virtual Town Hall, Saturday, Nov. 6, starting at 10 a.m. until all comments are heard. Participants must be registered by 9 a.m. on the day of the event to speak; register at register to speak. A Spanish language interpreter and a sign language interpreter will be available to assist people who would like to participate.

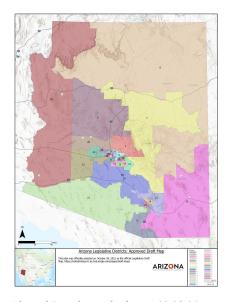
Public hearings in cities and towns

Statewide public hearings are being scheduled and will be announced at a later date. At these meetings, the public can attend in person or participate remotely.

Information can be found at <u>IRC Public Hearing Meetings</u>.



Adopted Congressional draft map 10.28.21 Link for map: Congressional draft map



Adopted Legislative draft map 10.28.21 Link for map: Legislative draft map

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IRC Mission: The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.



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